

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 of the specification with the amended paragraph, below:

The invention 10 is directed to a packaging system having a tray 12. The tray 12, shown in FIG. 2, has a series of separated, spaced apart sections 11, shown in FIG. 1. The spaced apart sections 11 are generally rectangular in shape. Each section has a recessed compartment 14 therein as shown in FIG. 1. The recessed compartments ~~recesses~~ are sized to accommodate a particular size tablet or capsule or a combination of both or other solid pharmaceutical dosage form. The tray 12 also has an upper surface 13. Once the solid pharmaceutical dosage forms are placed in the tray 12, a thin, flexible sheet 16 is fixed in part to the upper surface 13 of the tray 12. This may be accomplished by the use of adhesive or heat sealing. Once the heat sealing or application of adhesive is completed, there is an adhesive layer 17 located between the upper layer 13 of the tray 12 and the sheet 16.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 of the specification with the amended paragraph, below:

The tray 12 also has a series of perforations or cuts 18 to enable it to separate into smaller trays or single compartments. In addition, there are tabs 20 formed from a portion of the sheet that is not sealed to the upper layer. These are also shown in FIG. 1 and may vary in shape and size depending upon the particular tablet, capsule or other solid dosage form being packaged in the tray 12. In an exemplary embodiment, the

spaced apart sections 11 are formed in a matrix and the tab portions are formed in a center portion of the matrix such that tab portions for adjacent spaced apart sections are contiguous. Furthermore, the tab portions can be configured such that the direction of the widths of the second end of each of the tab portions are substantially parallel to one another. The tab 20 as shown, is graduated in width. The narrow tip 22 of the tab 20 enables a patient to easily separate the tab from the unsealed upper surface 13 of the tray 12. The increased width 24 of the tab 20 adjacent to the sealed upper surface 13 of the tray 12 aids the user in effectively peeling the tab and sealed sheet 16 away from the sealed upper surface of the tray. The tab 20 is located in one corner of the section 11 so that the user does not need to separate the sections of the tray 12 prior to peeling the tab away from the tray. In addition, the tabs 20 may be cut in a number of different ways to ease manufacturing time and minimize materials.